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NOTE AND COMMENT

THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR KNOWLTON.—The loss to the Law School and to his colleagues of the law faculty in the death of Jerome Cyril Knowlton cannot be expressed. For thirty-one years, the longest period of active service ever given by any man to this Law School, Mr. Knowlton was an effective factor in the development of the institution and in the moulding of the character and the legal ideas and ideals of the thousands of graduates who have passed through the Law School into the service of community and state and country, at the bar, upon the bench, in legislative halls, and indeed in all of the walks of life. Few if any men now living have been known to as many law students as was Mr. Knowlton. And few indeed are they whose influence has been as widely felt, for he made a vivid and lasting impression upon all who came in contact with him.

Wherever one goes among Michigan men or indeed among lawyers anywhere in the United States he finds affectionate friends of "Jerry" who inquire eagerly about his health and whether he still passes with ostensible ferocity, but with nevertheless obvious kindness, from man to man in steady procession about the benches in the old rooms. He had a friendly interest in and about everyone, a pungent wit and an incisive and homely wisdom which were among the qualities which endeared him to all. The stories

exemplifying these qualities are many. Two or three of them may serve to recall the very atmosphere of his genial life to those who long ago passed out of the lecture rooms of this old building. The instance of the fiery young Southerner who in the old days threatened to shoot because of some fancied slight is in point. While the infuriated young man was surrounded by a group of half-frightened and half-angry students, and when the situation was very tense, "Jerry" proceeded from his office with the peculiar inimitable gait known to all who ever saw him, and remarked, "Young man, if you shoot you'll shoot a hole through your diploma," and walked away with the perfect assurance that he had punctured a situation laden with more of *grotesquerie* than of real danger.

The writer of this brief appreciation will never forget the amused embarrassment with which Mr. Knowlton asked his good offices in inducing the class in contracts two or three years ago to abstain from the old custom of presenting him with smoking material at Christmas-time. Each succeeding class in its affection for him had presented a larger supply of the Virginia flower until the quantity had become huge. And as "Jerry" humorously remarked he deeply appreciated the feeling of the boys but he did not know whether his reputation would stand any further augmentation of this annual inundation. On another occasion the present Secretary of War, Mr. Baker, was a speaker in the Law School and met the members of the law faculty prior to his address. When Mr. Knowlton's introduction came Mr. Baker looked at him quizzically and said, with his genial smile, "Are *you* Jerry?" Mr. Knowlton was pleased, and in his quick, staccato way said, "Yes, but have I ever met you before?" "No," said Mr. Baker, "but during all of my professional life I have met able lawyers who spoke affectionately of their old teacher, Jerry."

Mr. Knowlton's charm, his influence and the vivid impression he made upon all proceed from qualities which perhaps defy successful analysis. He had a remarkably keen legal mind, a wholesome common sense, a pleasing manner and a kindly and pleasant smile. But these may all be summed up in the one word "personality." This, of the most attractive and individual kind, he had in high degree, and it endeared him to us all. We shall miss him more than we can say.

The following resolutions were adopted by the faculty of the Law School at a meeting held after Professor Knowlton's death:

On Tuesday evening, December 12, 1916, Providence removed from our number the oldest member in point of service of our Law Faculty by the death of Jerome Cyril Knowlton. Mr. Knowlton began his connection with the Law School in 1885, serving as assistant professor of law until 1889, and from 1889 to 1916 as Marshall professor of law. He was elected acting dean in 1890 and dean of the School in 1891, serving in that capacity until 1895. He served the School continuously and actively longer than anyone who has heretofore been connected with it.

Be it Resolved, by us who remain

First, That there has been thus taken away from among us one of our most effective teachers, greatly and justly loved by many successive generations of students.

Second, That we have lost a most genial and gentle friend and co-worker.

Third, That the University has lost one who by the qualities of his mind and heart and the faithful and high character of his work and service added much to the reputation and esteem in which the University is held by great numbers of its alumni and friends.

Fourth, That the teaching and legal professions have both lost an unusually clear thinker, a very keen analyst, and an original, lucid and forceful expositor.

Fifth, That the community in which he lived and moved and worked so long has lost an upright and exemplary citizen.

Sixth, That a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of the Law School and copies be sent to the family, the President, and the Board of Regents.

THE LAW SCHOOL.—Although the effect of the increased requirements for admission to the Law School is still apparent in the lessened total enrollment, a marked increase in numbers in the entering class is to be noted this year, the present first year class being more than twenty per cent. larger than that of last year.

The total enrollment includes students from forty-one states and territories and two foreign countries; and ninety-three colleges and universities are represented, as follows:

University of Michigan, 221; Albion College, 6; Hope College, University of Wisconsin, 5; Kansas University, Leland Stanford University, State University of Iowa, University of Indiana, 4; Adrian College, Alma College, Bucknell University, Mt. Union College, Pennsylvania State College, State College of Washington, University of Arkansas, University of Illinois, Yale University, 3; Baker University, Colorado College, Cornell University, De Pauw University, Kalamazoo College, Marietta College, Ohio State University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Princeton University, University of Mississippi, University of Missouri, University of Oklahoma, Valparaiso University, Wabash College, 2; Allegheny College, Amherst College, Antioch College, Brown University, Central Michigan State Normal, Central University of Kentucky, Colgate College, College St. Xavier, Dartmouth College, Dickinson College, Drake University, Fisk University, Franklin & Marshall College, Georgia School of Technology, Gonzaga University, Grinnell College, Hanover College, Harvard University, Hillsdale College, Hiram College, Huron College, Illinois College, Jas. Milliken University, Juniata College, Lafayette College, Lake Forest University, Lawrence College, Lehigh University, Marion (Ind.) Normal, Mercer University, Miami College, Michigan State Normal, Muhlenberg College, Northwestern University, Oklahoma Normal, Olivet College, Pennsylvania State Normal, Pomona College, Reed Col-